**General Information**

The People’s Resource Center is one of a number of community agencies that receive homeless prevention and re-housing funds. These funds provide assistance to avoid eviction and homelessness of individuals or families experiencing a short-term economic crisis. The funds can also be used to assist homeless individuals or families in securing housing by providing short-term financial assistance and/or supportive services to eligible families. The program is designed to stabilize individuals and families in their existing homes, shorten the amount of time individuals, and families stay in shelters and assist individuals and families with securing affordable housing.

Services Offered Through This Program Include:

- Rental Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Security Deposit Assistance
- Supportive Services to help obtain and maintain housing

*Homeless prevention assistance from any provider may make a household ineligible for further financial assistance.*

**Eligibility Criteria**

All households must be able to meet and document the following eligibility criteria.

*Additional eligibility criteria may apply.*

- Moving into or currently residing in DuPage County
- Client at People’s Resource Center
- In danger of eviction, foreclosure, or currently homeless
- The ability to pay future rent and monthly expenses through current income or development of a Housing Plan
- Disclosure of any assistance received in the past 24 months
- Landlord or mortgage company must agree to accept payment and stop current eviction/foreclosure proceedings upon receipt of signed rent assistance voucher

Most assistance requires:

- Ability to document an unexpected recent drop in income, economic crisis or extenuating circumstance
- Possession of a current, valid lease
- Income guidelines corresponding with household size are met

**Other Housing Services**

People’s Resource Center also offers these services to assist in establishing and stabilizing a home:

- Information and Referral
- Access to food, clothing and other basic services
- Referrals and/or access to education and employment services
- Tenant/Landlord Rights Information
- Referrals to Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing Programs
- Housing Resource Information – Information on Fair Market and Subsidized Housing in DuPage County
- Referrals for legal services
- Referrals for credit repair services

**To Apply for Housing Services**

Call Peoples Resource Center at 630-682-5402 x 323 or visit us during food market hours *(see schedule below)*. Ask to speak with the Social Services staff about available services. You might be referred to another homeless prevention provider if you are not a PRC Client. Due to the nature of homeless prevention, applications for funding may need to be complete within the same month in which the application is taken. Funding is dependent on grants received from various sources.

*Wheaton Location Food Market Hours:*
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30-11:15 AM & 1-2:45 PM
- Wednesday: 6-8 PM

*Westmont Location Food Market Hours:*
- Tuesday: 8:30- 11:15 AM & 1:00-2:45 pm
- Wednesday: 8:30- 11:15 AM
- Thursday: 5:30-7:30 PM
Other Programs at People’s Resource Center include:
Food Market, Clothing Closet, Computer Access & Training, Job Assistance, Literacy (Adult Ed, ESL, GED, Citizenship, Tutoring), Art Studio, SNAP (Food Stamp), TANF and Medicaid Applications, Access DuPage Enrollment, Vouchers for Clothing, Furniture & Household goods.

Please note that some of the programs or services listed above may require verification of eligibility criteria, such as income.

For more information about the services above or for an appointment, please call (630) 682-5402.

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Homeless Prevention & Re-housing Service Providers within the DuPage County Continuum of Care:

People’s Resource Center
DuPage County-Department of Community Services

Catholic Charities
Outreach Community Ministries

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Partner Agencies:

DuPage PADS
DuPage Veteran’s Assistance Commission

Naperville Cares

Love Christian Clearinghouse

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People’s Resource Center does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act; the U.S. Civil Rights Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Age Discrimination Act; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions.